

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 7-15, 18-22, 24-41, 52 and 76 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 2-6, 16-17, 23, 42-51 and 53-75 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating claim 53 allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of claim 53 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, which is now allowable for at least the same reasons set forth by the Examiner. *See* Office Action of July 7, 2011, page 12, paragraphs 46-47. As all remaining pending claims depend from allowable claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits all pending claims are likewise allowable.

Claim Objections

The Examiner made objections to claim 22 based on awkward numbering. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objections are overcome by the accompanying amendment to claim 22.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 27, 55 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 27 is overcome by

the accompanying amendment thereto. The rejection of claims 55 and 65 has been rendered moot by the cancellation thereof.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7-15, 18-22, 24-41, 52, 54-66 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,388,595 to Shafer (“Shafer”), or unpatentable over Shafer, alone or in combination with a variety of other references.

As noted above, the subject matter of allowable claim 53 has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 now allowable for at least the same reasons set forth by the Examiner. *See* Office Action of July 7, 2011, page 12, paragraphs 46-47.

Claims 7-15, 18-22, 24-41, 52 and 76 depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 7-15, 18-22, 24-41, 52 and 76 are allowable for at least the same reasons set forth by the Examiner. *See* Office Action of July 7, 2011, page 12, paragraphs 46-47.

The rejection of claims 54-66 is rendered moot by the cancellation thereof.

CONCLUSION

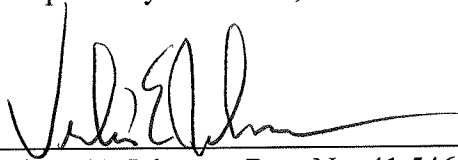
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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